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For the Period August 11 to 17, 2015

Producers have nine per cent of the 2015 crop combined and 10 per cent swathed or ready to straight-cut, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's weekly Crop Report. The five-year average at this time of the year is two per cent combined and five per cent swathed or ready to straight-cut.

Sixty-three per cent of the fall rye, 59 per cent of the winter wheat, 40 per cent of the field peas, 34 per cent of the lentils and 14 per cent of the chickpeas are now in the bin. Three per cent of the canola and four per cent of the mustard are now in the bin, with 14 per cent of the canola and 21 per cent of the mustard swathed or ready to straight-cut. Warm and relatively dry conditions have helped crops develop quickly in many areas.

Rainfall this past week ranged from trace amounts to nearly three inches in some areas. Provincially, topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as seven per cent surplus, 75 per cent adequate, 16 per cent short and two per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as three per cent surplus, 64 per cent adequate, 28 per cent short and five per cent very short.

One year ago

Just over one per cent of the 2014 crop had been combined with an additional four per cent swathed or ready to straight cut. Average yields were being reported in most areas.

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Harvest Progress in SK Per cent Combined	
All Crops	
Aug 17/15	9
5 year avg. (2010-2014)	2
Aug 18/14	1
Aug 19/13	1
Aug 13/12	4
Aug 15/11	3
Aug 16/10	1
10 year avg. (2005-2014)	4

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Some crop damage was caused by localized hail, wind and insects such as aphids, grasshoppers and diamondback moths.

Farmers are busy with harvest operations and hauling bales.

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Southeastern Saskatchewan (Crop District 1 – Carnduff, Estevan, Redvers, Moosomin and Kipling areas; Crop District 2 – Weyburn, Milestone, Moose Jaw, Regina and Qu'Appelle areas; Crop District 3ASE – Radville and Lake Alma areas)

Fourteen per cent of the 2015 crop is now in the bin in the southeastern region, with an additional 21 per cent swathed or ready to straight-cut. Ninety per cent of the fall rye, 86 per cent of the winter wheat, 65 per cent of the field peas, 41 per cent of the lentils, 12 per cent of the barley and durum, 11 per cent of the canola and five per cent of the spring wheat have now been combined. Forty per cent of the canola has been swathed.

The region received rainfall ranging from small amounts to 18 mm in the Grenfell area. Since April 1, the Tantallon area has received 297 mm of rain, the greatest amount for the region.
Cropland topsoil moisture is currently rated as two per cent surplus, 56 per cent adequate, 41 per cent short and one per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as one per cent surplus, 43 per cent adequate, 48 per cent short and eight per cent very short.

Crops are advancing quickly in much of the region and general harvest is well underway. Some crop damage this past week was caused by insects and strong winds that lodged crops . Yields are reported to be lower than normal. Spotty showers delayed harvesting in some areas.

Farmers are busy with harvest operations and moving bales.

Southwestern Saskatchewan (Crop District 3ASW – Coronach, Assiniboia and Ogema areas; Crop District 3AN – Gravelbourg, Mossbank, Mortlach and Central Butte areas; Crop District 3B – Kyle, Swift Current , Shaunavon and Ponteix areas; Crop District 4 – Consul, Maple Creek and Leader areas)

Twenty-one per cent of the 2015 crop is now in the bin in the southwestern region, with an additional 12 per cent swathed or ready to straight-cut. Fifty-seven per cent of the fall rye, 64 per cent of the winter wheat and field peas, 49 per cent of the lentils, six per cent of the canola and two per cent of the spring wheat have now been combined. Thirty per cent of the canola has been swathed.

The region received rainfall ranging from small amounts to 12 mm in the Gull Lake area. Since April 1, the Mortlach area has received 297 mm of rain, the greatest amount for the region. Cropland topsoil moisture conditions are rated as three per cent surplus, 73 per cent adequate, 19 per cent short and five per cent very short, while hay land and pasture topsoil moisture conditions are rated as 46 per cent adequate, 45 per cent short and nine per cent very short.

Crops are advancing quickly and the region leads the province in the percentage of crops combined. Crop damage was mainly attributed to strong winds and insects. Cool and damp weather caused harvesting delays in some areas, while the recent rainfall has resulted in more weeds that have remained greener than usual; however, late crops such as flax have benefited from recent rains.

Farmers are busy with harvest operations.

East-Central Saskatchewan (Crop District 5 – Melville, Yorkton, Cupar, Kamsack, Foam Lake, Preeceville and Kelvington areas; Crop District 6A – Lumsden, Craik, Watrous and Clavet areas)

One per cent of the crop is now in the bin, with six per cent swathed or ready to straight-cut. Thirty-five per cent of the fall rye and 31 per cent of the winter wheat have been combined, with an additional 51 per cent and 47 per cent, respectively, swathed or ready to straight-cut. Eleven per cent of the peas have been combined, with an additional 30 per cent swathed or ready to straight-cut. Six per cent of the canola has been swathed.

Rainfall in the region ranged from small amounts to 38 mm in the Rose Valley area. The Craik area has received 346 mm of rainfall since April 1, the greatest amount for the region. Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as 13 per cent surplus, 82 per cent adequate, three per cent short and two per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as seven per cent surplus, 83 per cent adequate, eight per cent short and two per cent very short.

Despite the recent rain that has delayed harvest operations, pulse crops are being desiccated and combining is just beginning. However, there are concerns that recent rainfall may cause a decline in the quality of some cereals. As well, damp cool weather may delay swathing and desiccation of crops. Crop damage this past week was attributed to localized flooding, strong wind and insects such as aphids and diamondback moths.

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West-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6B – Hanley, Outlook, Loreburn, Saskatoon and Arelee areas; Crop District 7A – Rosetown, Kindersley, Eston, Major; CD 7B - Kerrobert, Macklin, Wilkie and Biggar areas)

Three per cent of the crop is in the bin, with 11 per cent swathed or ready to straight-cut. Fifty-two per cent of the fall rye and 42 per cent of the winter wheat have been combined, with an additional 39 per cent and 52 per cent, respectively, swathed or ready to straight-cut. Twenty-two per cent of the peas and eight per cent of lentils have been combined, with an additional 33 per cent of the peas and 28 of the lentils swathed or ready to straight-cut. Seven per cent of the mustard and five per cent of the canola are swathed or ready to straight-cut.

Rainfall this past week ranged from trace amounts to 52 mm in the Sonningdale area. The Outlook area has reported 288 mm of rainfall since April 1, the greatest amount for the region. Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as one per cent surplus, 90 per cent adequate and nine per cent short. Topsoil moisture conditions on hay land

and pasture are rated as one per cent surplus, 81 per cent adequate, 16 per cent short and two per cent very short.

Crops are ripening quickly in the region and general harvest has begun. Producers are concerned that the quality of crops such as peas and lentils has declined due to recent rainfall. Some causes of crop damage this week include localized flooding and insects such as aphids in pulses.

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Northeastern Saskatchewan (Crop District 8 – Hudson Bay, Tisdale, Melfort, Carrot River, Humboldt, Kinistino, Cudworth and Aberdeen areas; Crop District 9AE – Prince Albert, Choiceland and Paddockwood areas)

Two per cent of the crop is now in the bin, with one per cent swathed or ready to straight-cut. All of the fall rye has been combined, while 52 per cent of the winter wheat has been combined and 22 per cent is swathed or ready to straight-cut. Three per cent of the peas has been combined, with an additional 12 per cent swathed or ready to straight-cut.

Rainfall this past week ranged from 15 mm to 72 mm in the Kinistino area. The Humboldt area has reported 392 mm of rainfall since April 1, the greatest amount for the region as well as for the province. Cropland topsoil moisture conditions are rated as 30 per cent surplus and 70 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 18 per cent surplus and 82 per cent adequate.

The recent rainfall across the region has delayed harvest as well as caused lodging of some canola crops. Crop damage this week is attributed to strong winds, localized flooding and insects such as aphids and diamondback moths.

Farmers are busy with harvest operations.

Northwestern Saskatchewan (Crop District 9AW – Shellbrook, North Battleford, Big River and Hafford areas; Crop District 9B – Meadow Lake, Turtleford, Pierceland, Maidstone and Lloydminster areas)

Less than one per cent of the 2015 crop is in the bin, with three per cent swathed or ready to straight-cut. Canola swathing and desiccation have started and general harvest is expected to begin soon.

Rainfall this past week ranged from 20 mm in the Pierceland area to 55 mm in the Hafford area. The Duck Lake area has reported 292 mm of rainfall since April 1, the greatest amount for the region. Cropland topsoil moisture is currently rated as one per cent surplus, 88 per cent adequate and 11 per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated 81 per cent adequate, 18 per cent short and one per cent very short.

Crops are advancing quickly in much of the area. The main causes of crop damage this week were strong winds and insects such as aphids.

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Provincial Estimated Crop Yields - August 17, 2015

	Winter wheat	Fall rye	HRSW	Other wheat*	Durum	Oat	Barley	Canaryseed
Southeast	36	36	32	33	25	67	48	750
Southwest	20	16	25	N/A	25	53	41	1200
East Central	34	33	38	43	32	76	62	1500
West Central	30	25	26	N/A	24	41	42	417
Northeast	40	25	44	58	55	114	73	1004
Northwest	N/A	N/A	35	37	N/A	81	60	N/A
Provincial	**32**	**19**	**34**	**42**	**25**	**84**	**57**	**768**

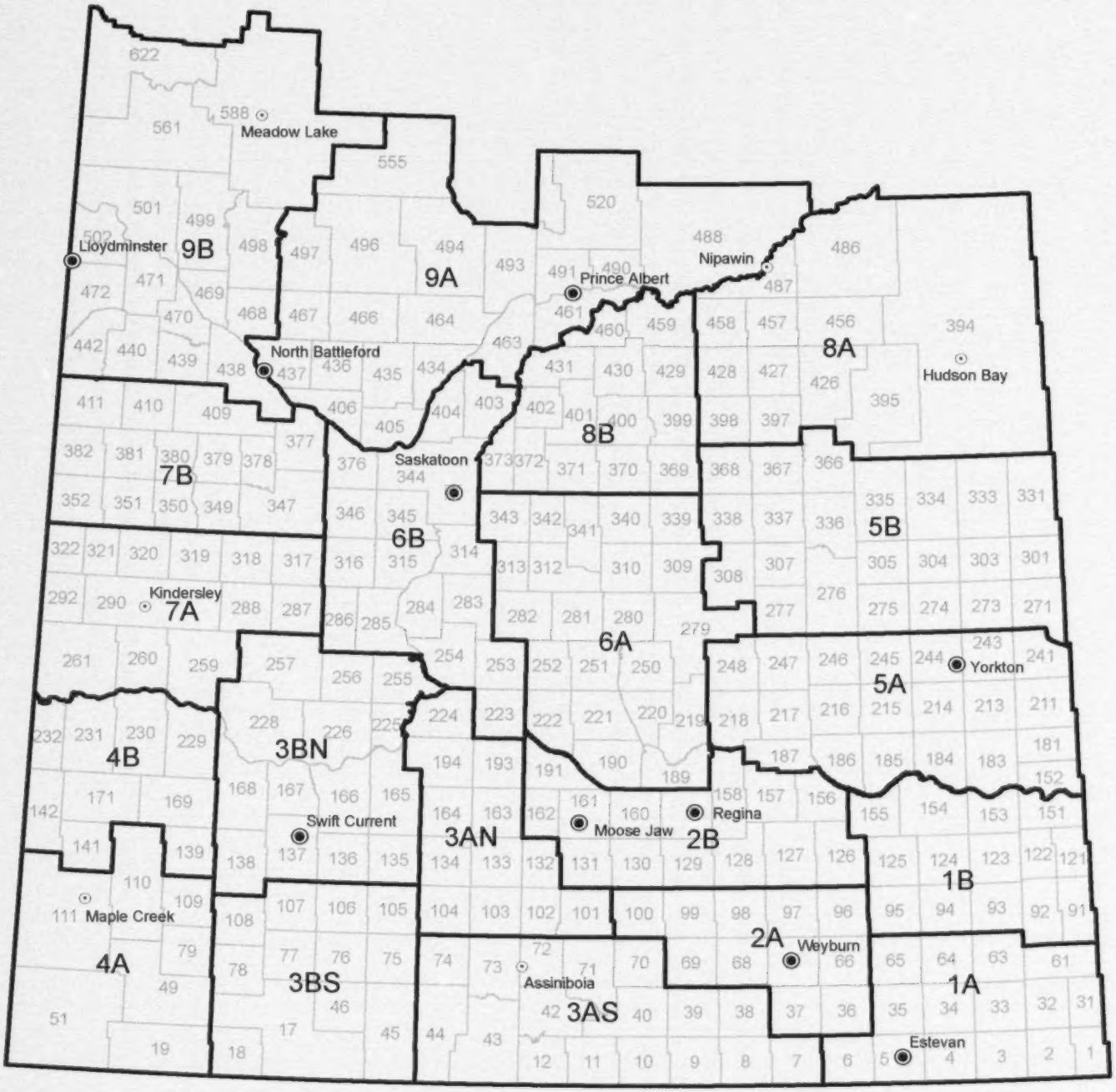
	Flax	Canola	Mustard	Soybean	Pea	Lentil	Chickpea
Southeast	18	25	1000	26	24	998	N/A
Southwest	20	28	1200	N/A	27	1085	1491
East Central	22	34	1100	N/A	33	1143	N/A
West Central	18	23	800	25	28	1128	800
Northeast	26	37	1000	23	36	N/A	N/A
Northwest	N/A	32	N/A	N/A	39	N/A	N/A
Provincial	**20**	**30**	**1158**	**26**	**29**	**1158**	**1466**

* 'Other wheat' includes all wheat classes other than Hard Red Spring Wheat

** Crop yield predictions at this point in time. Please keep in mind these are regional averages, and yields can vary greatly across an area.

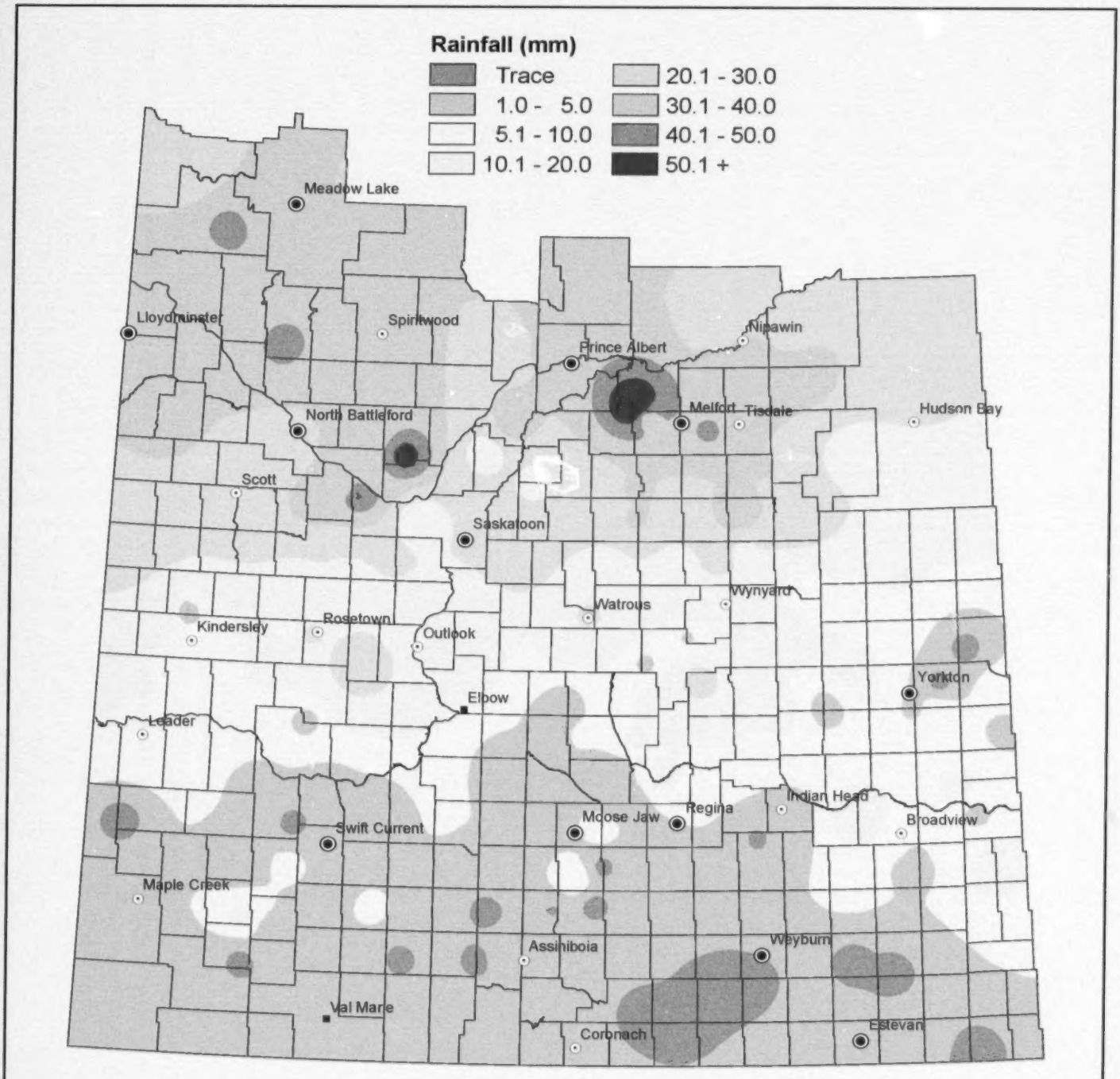
*** Canaryseed, mustard, lentil and chickpea in lbs/ac. All other crops in bu/ac.

Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan



Weekly Rainfall

from August 11 to August 17, 2015



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Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters) 1 inch = 25 mm for the period August 11 to 17, 2015

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
1A	2	Mount Pleasant	NIL	182
	3	Enniskillen	2	180
	33	Moose Creek	N/A	192
	34	Browning	1	142
	61	Antler	N/A	174
	63	Moose Mountain	NIL	146
	64	Brock	NIL	149
	65	Tecumseh	NIL	121
1B	91	Maryfield	6	188
	122	Martin	15	241
	123	Silverwood	8	258
	124	Kingsley	1	200
	125 A	Chester	6	226
	125 B	Chester	6	183
	151 A	Rocanville	4	297
	151 A	Wolseley	18	295
	154	Elcapo	8	156
	155 A	Wolseley	40	277
2A	67	Weyburn	NIL	140
	68	Brokenshell	NIL	132
	97	Wellington	4.5	139
2B	127 A	Francis	3	219
	127 B	Francis	NIL	140
	129	Bratt's Lake	3	149
	131 A	Baildon	NIL	239
	131 B	Baildon	10	230
	156 A	Indian Head	2	192
	156 B	Indian Head	4	264
	160 A	Pense	7	157
	161	Moose Jaw	2	207
	162	Caron	2	200
	191	Marquis	N/A	272
3ASE	38 A	Laurier	NIL	126
	38 B	Laurier	NIL	125
	39 A	The Gap	NIL	160
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	N/A	155
	12	Poplar Valley	2	273
	40 A	Bengough	N/A	N/A
	40 B	Bengough	NIL	250
	42	Willow Bunch	N/A	223
	43	Old Post	3	175
	70	Key West	N/A	25
	73 A	Stonehenge	NIL	310
	73 B	Stonehenge	3	267
3AN	101	Terrell	NIL	232
	102	Lake Johnston	0.8	164
	103	Sutton	NIL	345
	132 A	Hillsborough	4.5	390
	132 B	Hillsborough	5	277
	134	Shamrock	N/A	32
	193 A	Eyebrow	3	304
	193 B	Eyebrow	2	314
3BS	17	Val Marie	5	165
	75 A	Pinto Creek	NIL	312
	75 B	Pinto Creek	N/A	43
	76	Auvergne	3	208
	77	Wise Creek	4	176
	78	Grassy Creek	1	162
	105	Glenbain	5	236
	106	Whiska Creek	6	221
	107	Lac Pelletier	2	81
	108	Bone Creek	3	174
3BN	138 A	Webb	6	199
	138 B	Webb	5	86.5
	166	Excelsior	2	243
	167	Sask. Landing	1.6	197
	168 A	Riverside	NIL	126
	168 B	Riverside	3	132
	226	Victory	N/A	181
	228	Lacadena	5	138
	257	Monet	4	158

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
4A	49	White Valley	3	194
	51	Reno	2.5	131
	79	Arlington	NIL	182
	109 A	Carmichael	12	108
	109 B	Carmichael	N/A	49
	110	Piapot	N/A	87
	111	Maple Creek	N/A	98
4B	139	Gull Lake	1	156
	142	Enterprise	NIL	160
	169	Pittville	N/A	111
	231	Happyland	8	67
	183 B	Fertile Belt	12	307
	183 B	Fertile Belt	24	295
5A	186	Abernethy	N/A	230
	211	Churchbridge	4	248
	213	Saltcoats	9	298
	216	Tullymet	N/A	117
	241	Calder	7	210
	243	Wallace	NIL	153
	244	Orkney	4	161
	245 A	Garry	15	276
	245 B	Garry	2	252
	245 C	Garry	4	261
	246	Ituna Bon Accord	12	243
	247	Kelfross	10	265
	248	Touchwood	26	232
	271	Cote	NIL	211
	273	Sliding Hills	N/A	190
	277	Emerald	17	236
5B	305	Invermay	8	239
	307	Elfros	11	235
	308 A	Big Quill	11	221
	308 B	Big Quill	4	230
	331	Livingston	N/A	116
	336	Sasman	5	221
	337	Lakeview	18	296
	338	Lakeside	24	284
	366	Kelvington	29	280
	367	Ponass Lake	38.5	318
6A	190 A	Dufferin	3	308
	190 B	Dufferin	1	284
	190 C	Dufferin	2	200
	190 D	Dufferin	2	171
	219 A	Longlaketon	15	264
	219 B	Longlaketon	13	297
	220	Mckillop	11	229
	221	Sarnia	5.29	248
	222	Craik	2	346
	251	Big Arm	7.5	198.25
	252	Arm River	1.5	302
	279	Mount Hope	4	194
	282	McCraney	9	251
	312	Morris	21	246
	313	Lost River	N/A	244
	339	Leroy	16.2	275
	340	Wolverine	16	311
	341	Viscount	N/A	285
	343 A	Blucher	27	303
	343 B	Blucher	N/A	135
6B	223	Huron	N/A	240
	284	Rudy	14	288
	285	Fertile Valley	19	248
	288	Milden	30	240
	314	Dundurn	14	245
	344	Corman Park	12	164
	346	Perdue	20	164
	376	Eagle Creek	52	199
	403	Rosthern	16	217

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
7A	287	St. Andrews	22	239
	288	Pleasant Valley	7	213
	290 A	Kindersley	8.3	150
	290 B	Kindersley	8	150
	290 C	Kindersley	6	55
	292	Milton	18	138
	317 A	Marriott	N/A	111
	317 B	Marriott	15	207
	318	Mountain View	15	199
	320 A	Oakdale	10	187
	320 B	Oakdale	NIL	160
	321	Prairiedale	16	229
7B	347	Biggar	30	183
	350 A	Mariposa	28	166
	350 B	Mariposa	20	153
	351	Progress	26	145
	352	Heart's Hill	30	178
	377	Glenside	34	189
	378 B	Rosemount	33	192
	379	Reford	21	166
	381	Grass Lake	N/A	107
	382	Eye Hill	25.39	63
	409	Buffalo	N/A	62
	410	Round Valley	N/A	105
8A	395	Porcupine	15	302
	397	Barrier Valley	30.38	279
	428	Star City	41	379
	456	Arborfield	33	314
	457	Connaught	39	310
	486	Moose Range	28	310
	487	Nipawin	N/A	308
8B	369	St. Peter	N/A	277
	370 A	Humboldt	32	392
	370 B	Humboldt	25	366
	371	Bayne	23	284
	372	Grant	N/A	300
	400	Three Lakes	32	330
	402	Fish Creek	18	242
	429	Flett's Springs	33	329
	459	Kinistino	72	354
	460	Birch Hills	36.0	260.1
9AE	488	Torch River	26	257
	520	Paddockwood	40	269
	521	Lakeland	40	269
9AW	406	Mayfield	36	157
	435	Redberry	55	257
	436	Douglas	31	213
	463	Duck Lake	34	293
	467 A	Round Hill	30	170
	467 B	Round Hill	34	177
9B	438	Battle River	25	175
	440	Hillsdale	35.5	172
	442	Manitou Lake	32.09	158
	498 A	Parkdale	43	221
	498 B	Parkdale	33	193
	499 A	Mervin	39	189
	499 B	Mervin	N/A	62
	501 A	Frenchman Butte	35	206
	501 B	Frenchman Butte	37	178
	501 C	Frenchman Butte	N/A	182
	502	Britannia	N/A	136
	581	Loon Lake	43	241
	588 A	Meadow Lake	31	245
	588 B	Meadow Lake	N/A	N/A
	588 C	Meadow Lake	31	189
	622	Beaver River	20	194

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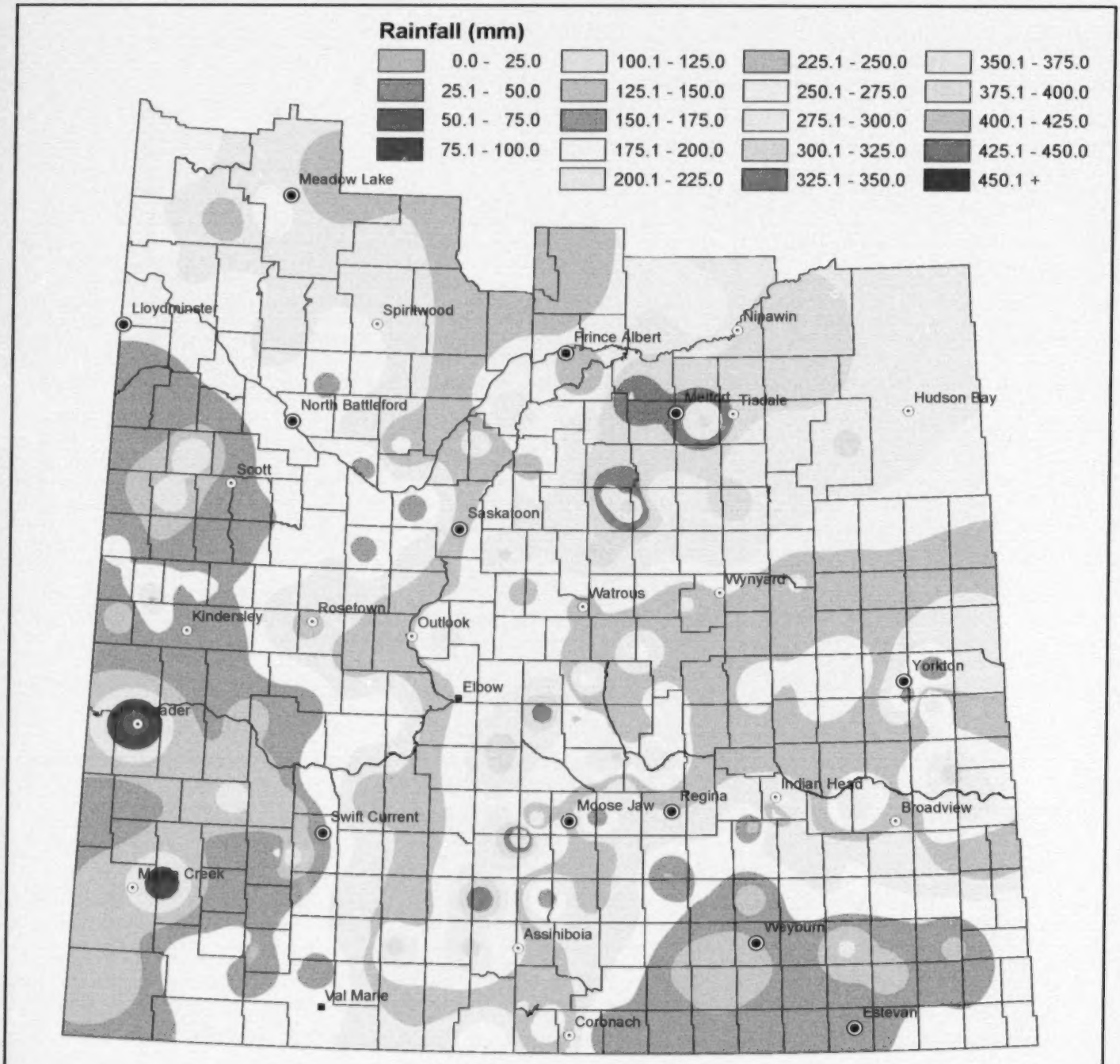

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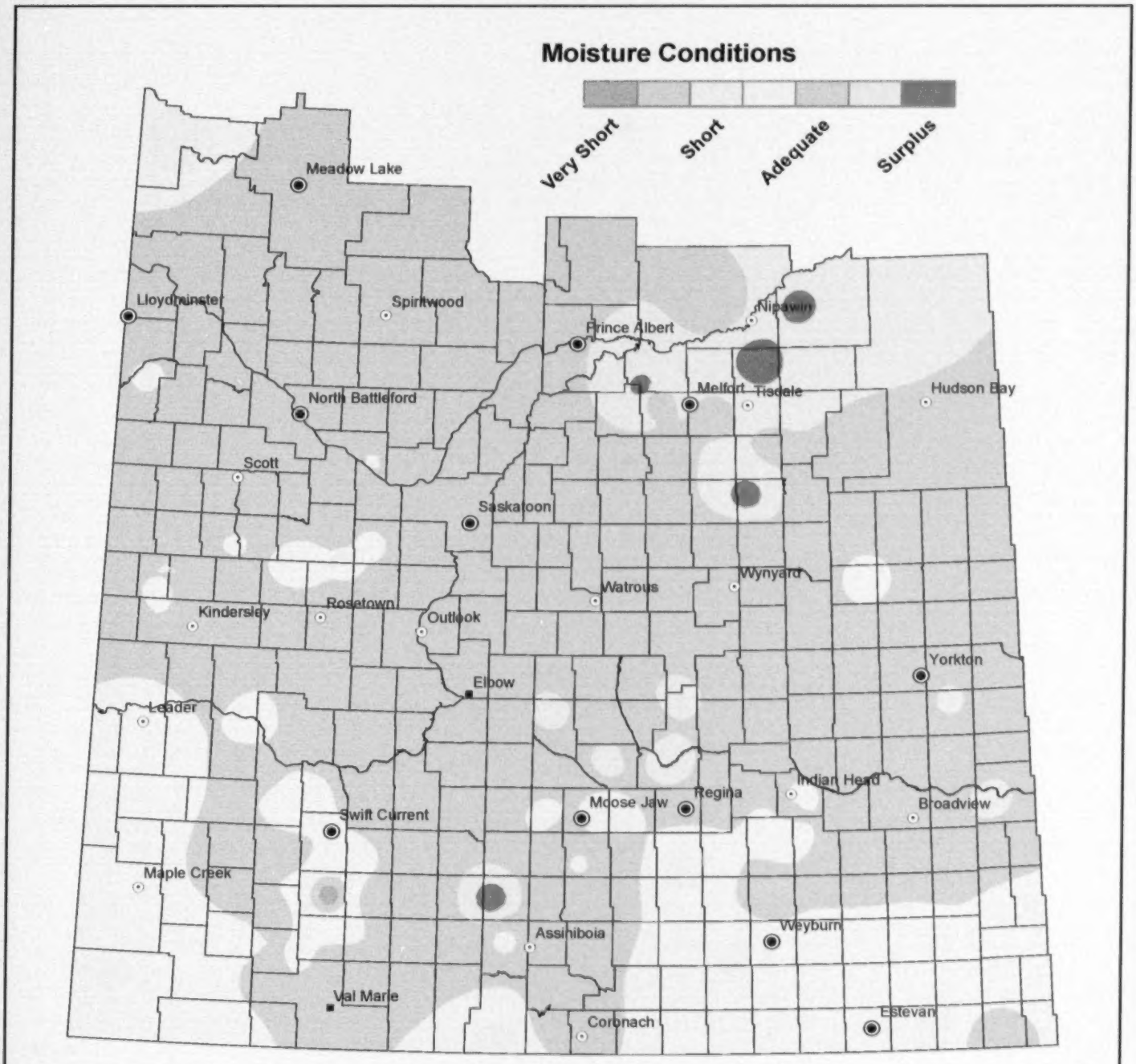

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Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

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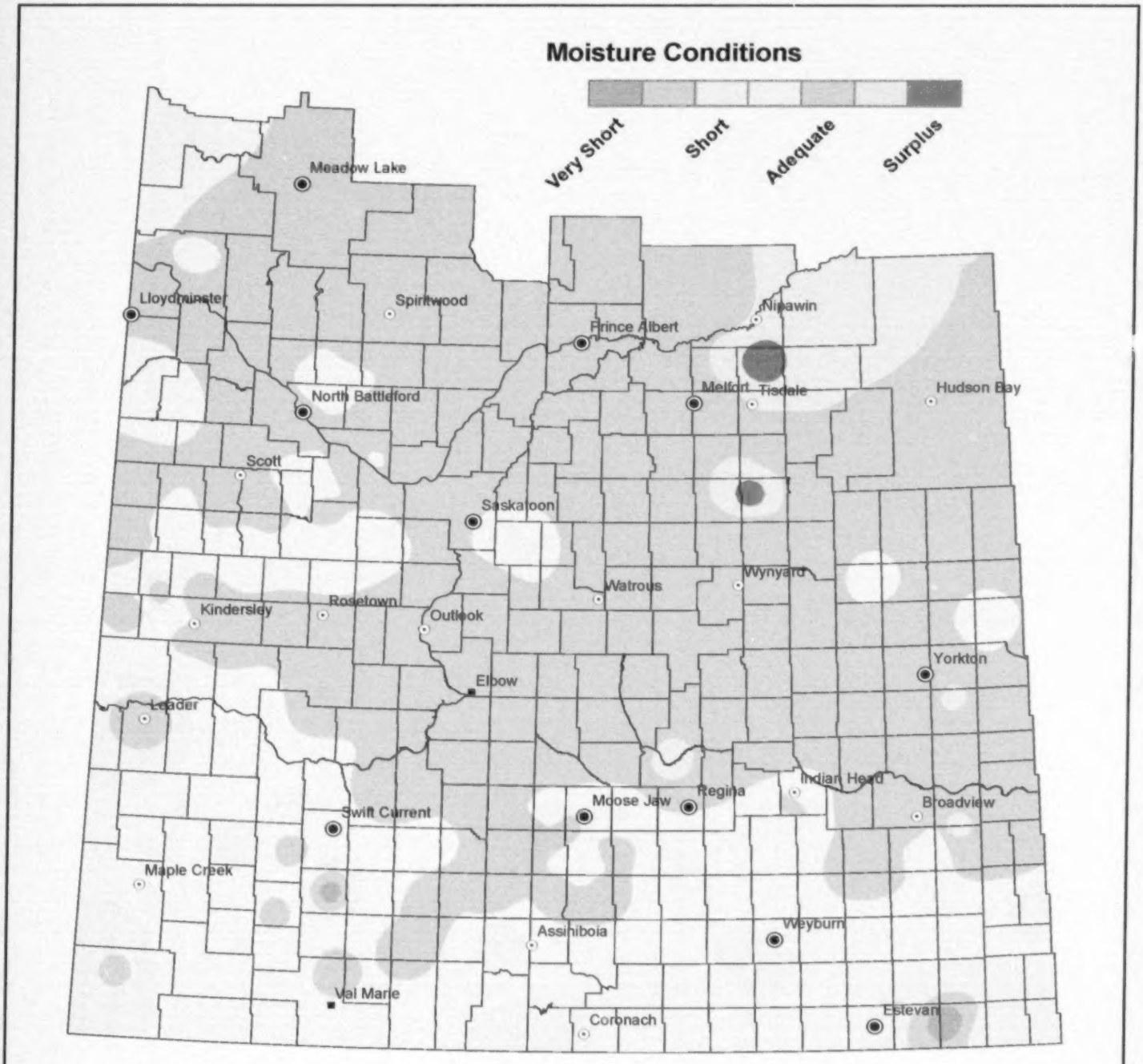

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